

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING
RFP # 1511VF: INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES/YOUTH ENGAGED IN SERVICE

Questions submitted via email and at the Bidder's Conference on April 28, 2015

QUESTION		ANSWER
1.	Can an agency that provides transitional housing to teens apply for the Independent Living RFP?	The Independent Living RFP is intended for youth in foster care, or who were recently discharged from foster care (or other placements whereby the youth is/was in the care and custody of the Commissioner of Social Services). It is not meant to pay for residential services for youth not in the foster care system.
2.	Do youth placed with relatives, but not in foster care, qualify?	Youth qualify if they WERE in foster care in the past. If they were never in foster care, they do not qualify.
3.	Is this funding only for foster kids discharged from foster care with a goal of APPLA?	All former foster care youth aged 18-21 are eligible. Current foster youth are also eligible.
4.	Can the youth receive services at age 21?	If a youth is on service rolls as they turn 21, they can remain in service until no longer 21.
5.	How is funding distributed?	The total amount of \$800,000 is broken down with roughly \$300,000 going towards YES (Youth Engaged in Service- vocational/educational services) and \$500,000 going towards Independent Living services.
6.	Will there be a change in the way funds are paid to agencies?	No- there will be no change in the reimbursement method for agencies.